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The Pittsburgh Gazette.

CITY ITEMS.

Homeopathic Medicines
At Fulton's Drug Store, Fifth street.

Laughing Gas Free
And teeth extracted without pain. Beautiful artificial gum teeth for ten dollars, by
C. SILL, Dentist,
166 Penn Street.

Great Sale
Of Spring and Summer Dress Goods, and will offer, commencing this day some $50,000 worth of Dress Goods, embracing almost everything required for the coming season at such prices as will command their immediate sale at Barker's, & Co., 59 Market street.

The Fenian Congress
Will assemble at the Opera House, on Tuesday evening.

At Cost.
Men's Winter Boots, at South & Ross's, 63 Market street,

All Classes
Unite in saying that SAWYERS' BARBERS SOAP is the best in use for Shaving and the Toilet.

South & Ross,
63 Market street, is the place to buy Boots and Shoes cheap.

Neutral Sulphite of Lime,
For preserving cider. For sales by Charles Super, Druggist, corner of Penn and St. Clair street, Pittsburgh.

The Fenian Brotherhood
Will greet their countrywoman, Miss Laura Keene, at the Opera House, on Tuesday evening.

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Will meet at the Opera House on Tuesday evening, to see "Our American Cousin."

Hard Wide Sheeting 25 Cents.
Fine Shirting 25c.; extra quality and wide do, 3 c.; good fast-colored prints, 18½c., all the very best makes 25c., at Barker's & Co., 59 Market street.

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Closing out at great bargains on the northeast corner of Fourth and Market streets.
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Winter Boots
And Shoes at cost, at South & Ross's, 63 Market street.

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For preserving cider. For sale by Charles Super, Druggist, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets, Pittsburgh.

Dry Goods.
A new and complete stock of Dry Goods, of every variety, at either wholesale or retail, at lower prices than you will find elsewhere. Remember, they are on the northeast corner of Fourth and Market streets.
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Patent Medicines, and Perfumery, the finest Liquors for medicinal purposes, go to Fleming's Drug Store, No. 84 Market street. Remember the place.

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Having returned after an absence of three years in the army, I have re-opened my shop for all sorts of jobbing in the carpenter line, at the old stand, Virgin Alley, between Smithfield street and Cherry Alley. Orders solicited and promptly attended to.
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White teeth dropping from out of rubies of ruby, a breath spicy as the airs from Araby the Blest. Who can resist such fascinations. To realize them, to perpetuate them, to make the mouth a casket of pearls and rubies, and every sigh a gush of fragrance, all you have to do, fair ladies, is to use that matchless vegetable production, Fragrant Sozodont.

Fall and Winter Goods.
It is with great pleasure we call the attention of our readers to the subperb stock of Fall and Winter Goods just received by Mr. John Weier, Merchant Tailor, No. 126 Federal street, Allegheny. His stock embraces some of the most beautiful Cloths, Cassimeres, Overcoatings and Vestings ever brought to the western market. His assortment of Furnishing Goods, comprising Shirts, Drawers, Collars Neck Ties, Handkerchiefs, &c., cannot be surpassed east or west. A large stock of ready mad Pants, Coats, Vests and Overcoats, will also be found in his establishment. Persons in want of any thing in the clothing line should not fail to give Mr. Weier a call.

Give Nature a Lift.
People expect too much of Nature. They trifle with their health and their constitutions, and then they are surprised that they fall sick.
The pressure of constant mental or bodily labor upon the animal powers is tremendous. Very few systems and constitutions can bear up against this pressure unassisted. Add to this the unhealthy influences which lurk unseen in the air we breathe, the water we drink, the artificial heat with which we endeavor to chase away the cold and marrow-searching moisture of winter, and it would seem to require almost superhuman vigor to keep in perfect health at this rigorous season without reinforcing the physical energies.
But how reinforce them? Certainly not with adulterated stimulants. There is no poison in the outer air, or in the atmosphere of furnace heated rooms, or workshops, or factories, so pernicious as those deadly-burning fluids.
Why use them, when
HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS,
a vegetable tonic without alloy, are everywhere obtainable. Nothing has ever been offered to the feeble and debilitated so harmless in its nature, so powerful in its invigorating effects, as this celebrated
STOMACHIC AND ALTERATIVE.
In the army and the navy, in new settlements, and in crowded cities, by old and young, rich and poor, it is used as a
PROTECTIVE AND RESTORATIVE MEDICINE,
With the most gratifying results.
Hostetter's Bitters
Are sold wholesale and retail at very low rates at Fleming's Drug and Patent Medicine Depot, No. 84 Market street, corner of the Diamond and Fourth street.

The Fenian Congress.
NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The Fenian Congress at Pittsburgh is being largely attended by delegates from all sections of the country. President Roberts and General Sweeney are in attendance.

VERY LATEST TELEGRAMS.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU BILL VETOED.

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

ITS UNCONSTITUTIONALITY ARGUED.

Objections to its Practical Operation.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S RESTORATION POLICY.

WASHINGTON Feb. 19.—The following is the message of the President to the Senate, vetoing the Bill for the Enlargement of the Powers of the Freedmen's Bureau:

To the Senate of the United States:—I have examined with care the bill which originated in the Senate, and has been passed by the two Houses of Congress, to amend an act entitled an act for the relief of freedmen and refugees, and for other purposes. Having, with much regret, come to the conclusion that it would not be consistent with the public welfare to give my approval to the measure, I return the bill to the Senate, with my objections to its becoming a law.

I might call to mind in advance of these objections, that there is no immediate necessity for the proposed measure. The act to establish a bureau for the relief of freedmen and refugees, which was approved in the month of March last, has not yet expired. It was thought sufficient and exclusive enough for the purpose in view. Before it ceases to have effect, further experience may assist to guide us to a wise conclusion in regard to the policy to be adopted in time of peace.

I have, together with Congress, the strongest desire to secure to the freedmen the full enjoyment of their freedom and their property, and their entire independence and equality in making contracts for their labor. But the bill before me contains provisions which, in my opinion, are not warranted by the Constitution, and are not well suited to accomplish the end in view. The bill proposes to establish, by authority of Congress, military jurisdiction over all parts of the United States containing refugees and freedmen. It would, by its very nature, apply with most force to those parts of the United States in which the freedmen most abound and it expressly extends the existing temporary jurisdiction of the Freedmen's Bureau with greatly enlarged powers over those States in which the ordinary course of judicial proceedings has been interrupted by the rebellion. The source from which this military jurisdiction is to emanate is none other than the President of the United States, acting through the War Department and the Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau. The agents to carry out this military jurisdiction are to be selected either from the army or from civil life. The country is to be divided into districts and sub-districts, and the number of salaried agents to be employed may be equal to the number of counties or parishes in all the United States, where freedmen and refugees are to be found. The subjects over which this military jurisdiction is to extend in every part of the United States include protection to all employees, agents and officers of this Bureau, in the exercise of the duties imposed upon them by the bill, in eleven States. It is further to extend over all cases affecting freedmen or refugees discriminated against by local law, custom or prejudice. In these eleven States the bill subjects any white person who may be charged with depriving a freedman of any civil rights or immunities belonging to white persons, to imprisonment or fine or both, without, however defining the civil rights and immunities which are thus to be secured to the freedmen by military law. This military jurisdiction also extends to all questions that may rise respecting contracts. The agent who is thus to exercise the office of a military Judge may be a stranger, entirely ignorant of the laws of the place, exposed to the errors of judgment, to which all men are liable. The exercise of power over which there is no legal supervision, by so vast a number of agents as is contemplated by the bill, must, by the very nature of man, be attended by acts of caprice, injustice and passion. The trials, having their origin under this bill, are to take place without the intervention of a jury, and without any fixed rules of law or evidence. The rules on which offenses are to be heard and determined by the numerous agents, are such rules and regulations as the President, through the War Department, shall prescribe. No previous presentment is required, nor any indictment charging the commission of a crime against the laws, but the trial must proceed on charges and specifications. The punishment will be not what the law declares, but such as a court-martial may think proper, and from these arbitrary tribunals there lies no appeal, no writ of error to any of the courts in which the constitution of the United States vests exclusively the judicial power of the country, while the territory and the class of actions and persons that may be made subject to this measure are so extensive.

The bill itself, should it become a law will have no limitation in point of time, but will form a part of the permanent legislation of the country. I cannot reconcile a system of military jurisdiction of this kind with the words of the Constitution which declare that no person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia when in actual service in time of war or public danger, and that in all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right of a speedy and public trial by an important jury of the State or district wherein the crime shall have been committed. The safeguards and exclusive wisdom and experience of our forefathers established as securities for the protection of the innocent, the punishment of the guilty, and the equal administration of justice are to be set aside, and for the sake of a more vigorous interposition in behalf of justice, we are to take the risks of the many acts of injustice that would of necessity follow from an almost countless number of agents, established in every parish in the country, in nearly a third of the States of the Union, over whose decision there is to be no supervision or control by the federal courts. The power that would be thus placed in the hands of the President in time of peace, certainly ought never to be entrusted to any one man.

If it be asked whether the creation of such a tribunal within a State is warranted as a means of war, the military jurisdiction instituted by itself, whether we are still engaged in war. Let us not unnecessarily disturb the commerce, and credit, and industry of the country, by delaying to pass the laws needful for peace. At the present time the United States are still in a condition of civil war. At present there is no part of the country in which the authority of the United States is disputed. Offenses that may be committed by individuals should not work a forfeiture of the rights of the sovereign communities. No country has entered, or is returning to a state of peace and industry, and the rebellion is in fact at an end. The measure, therefore, seems to be as inconsistent with the actual condition of the country as it is at variance with the Constitution of the United States.

If passing from general considerations we examine the bill in detail, it does not escape serious objections. In time of war it was eminently proper that we should provide for those who were passing suddenly from a condition of bondage to freedom. The first section of the bill proposes to make the Freedmen's Bureau established by the act of 1865, as one of many great and extraordinary military measures, to suppress a formidable rebellion, a permanent branch of the public administration with its powers greatly enlarged. I have no reason to suppose, and I do not understand it to be alleged that the act of March, 1865, has proved deficient for the purpose for which it was passed, although at that time and for a considerable period thereafter, the Government of the United States remained unacknowledged. In most of the States whose inhabitants had been involved in the rebellion, the institution of slavery for the military distruction of which the Freedmen's Bureau was called, into existence as an auxiliary force has been already effectually and finally abrogated throughout the whole country, by an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and practically, its eradication has received the assent and concurrence of most of those States which at any time had existed.

I am, therefore, able to discern in the country nothing to justify an apprehension that the powers and agencies of the Freedmen's Bureau which were effective for the protection of freedmen and refugees during the actual continuance of hostilities and of African servitude, will now in time of peace and after the abolition of slavery, prove inadequate to the same proper ends. If I am correct in these views, there can be no necessity for the enlargement of the powers of the Bureau, for which provision is made in the bill.

The third section of the bill authorizes a general and unlimited amount of support to the destitute and suffering refugees and freedmen, and their wives and children. The succeeding sections make provision for the rent or purchase of landed estates for freedmen, and for the erection for their benefit of suitable buildings for asylums and schools, the expenses to be defrayed from the treasury of the whole people. The Congress of the U. S. has never heretofore thought itself competent to establish laws beyond the limits of the District of Columbia, except for the benefit of our disabled soldiers and sailors. It has never founded schools for any class of our own people, not even the orphans of those who have fallen in the defence of the union, but has left the care of their education to the much more competent and efficient control of the States, of communities, of private associations and of individuals. It has never deemed itself authorized to expend the public money for the rent or purchase of homes for the thousands, nor to any millions of the white race who are honestly toiling from day to day for their subsistence. A system for the support of indigent persons in the United States was never contemplated by the authority of the constitution, nor can any good reason be advanced, why as a permanent establishment it should be founded for coast and color of a people more than for another. Pending the war many refugees and freedmen received support from the government, but it was never intended that they should thenceforth be fed, clothed, housed and sheltered by the United States.

The idea on which the slaves were raised to freedom, was, that on becoming free they would be self sustaining people. Any legislation that shall imply that they are not expected to attain a self sustaining condition, must have a tendency injurious alike to their character and their prosperity. The appointment of an agent for every county and parish will create an immense patronage, and the expense of the numerous officers and their clerks to be appointed by the President, will be great in the beginning, with a tendency steadily to increase.

The appropriations asked by the Freedman's Bureau as now established, for the year 1866, amounted to $11,745,000. It may be safely estimated that the cost to be incurred under the pending bill, will require double that amount, more than the entire sum expended in any one year, under the administration of the second Adams.

If the presence of an agent in every parish and county, is to be considered as a war measure, opposition or even resistance might be provoked so that to give effect to their jurisdiction, troops would have to be stationed within reach of every one of them, and thus a large force would become necessary, and large appropriations would therefore be required to enforce and maintain military jurisdiction in every county and parish from the Potomac to the Rio Grande. The condition of our fiscal affairs is encouraging, but in order to sustain the present measure of public confidence it is necessary that we practice not merely customary economy, but as far as possible, severe retrenchment.

In addition to the objections already stated, the fifth section of the bill, proposes to take away land from its former owners, without any legal proceedings being first had, contrary to that provision of the Constitution of which declares that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law. This does not appear to apply to that section refers only not be construed to minors or persons of unsound mind, or by those who have been faithful to all their obligations as citizens of the United States, if any portion of the land is held by such person, it is not competent for any authority to deprive them of it. If, on the other hand, it be found that the property is liable to confiscation, even then it cannot be appropriated to public purposes until by process of law it shall have been declared forfeited to the government.

There are still further objections to the bill, on grounds seriously effecting the class of persons to whom it is designed to bring relief. It will tend to keep the freedman in a state of uncertain expectation, while to those among whom he lives it will be a source of constant apprehension. Undoubtedly the freedmen should be protected, but they should be protected by the civil authorities, especially by the exercise of all the constitutional powers of the National and State Governments. The removal of these functions, the rights and interests of many of the people will be insecure. Without the aid of the military, in case of insolvency of the law for the protection of the freedmen against unconstitutional infringement and violation, and this expectation may well be, when it is not anticipate, then the Executive is already armed with the powers conferred by the act of March, 1865, establishing the Freedmen's Bureau after, as heretofore, person employ the land and naval forces of the country to suppress insurrection, to overcome obstructions to the laws. I refrain the bill to the consideration in the earnest hope that a measure involving questions and interests so important to the country will not become a law, unless upon deliberate consideration by both houses of both Houses of Congress, and with the advantage of the deliberate judgment.

(Signed,) ANDREW JOHNSON.
WASHINGTON CITY, D. C. February 19, 1866.

Railroad Completed—Fire in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 19.—The Marietta and Cincinnati railroad have completed their track from Loveland to Cincinnati, the first train passing over the road on Saturday.

The saddlery and harness store of M. Colin Bros., Main street, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss $30,000, insured for $5,000.

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU BILL.

CABINET MEETING CALLED.

The President and His Cabinet.

SECRETARY HARLAN'S RESIGNATION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—There was a Cabinet meeting at ten o'clock this morning. No visitors were admitted. Meantime the report prevails that the business for which the President called the Cabinet together has reference to the amendatory Freedman's bill. It seems, from present appearances, that Congress and the country will not be much longer kept in doubt as to his action upon that measure.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The *Herald's* Washington special says: Twenty-four hours have worked a wonderful change in public expectation here concerning the President's opinion of the Freedmen's Bureau bill. Nearly every one now concedes that he will return it with his objections, and the most favorable hope entertained by any Radical seems to be that these objections may be so unimportant that Congress can modify the bill until it commands his approval.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The *Herald's* Washington special says:—The resignation of Secretary Harlan is the current topic of conversation. He is known to have expressed, to a western Congressman of his political persuasion, his intention not to remain much longer.

Those who are in the most eligible places for understanding the President's mind upon the subject, assume that he is only awaiting the ostracism of Tennessee as a State, which is evidently the plan of the Reconstruction Committee, to invite such of the Cabinet Ministers as are in known accordance with that decision, to vacate their places.

AUSTRIAN TROOPS FOR MEXICO.

ESCAPE OF THE BAGDAD FILLIBUSTER.

The Canadian Reciprocity Treaty.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The *Herald's* Washington special states private dispatches to Government officials in that city announce that a treaty was entered into during the last month between France and Austria for the immediate withdrawal of the French military forces from Mexico and their replacement by troops to the number of one hundred thousand, to be furnished by the Austrian Government. These soldiers Austria, it is said, proposes to raise by volunteering in Belgium and Hungary, and transportation for them and the necessary stores, until they are located in Mexico, are to be provided by Napoleon.

The *Times'* special says a dispatch received in Washington last night from New Orleans, announces that General R. Clay Crawford, the Bagdad filibuster, has escaped from the fort where he was confined. His co-federate has been liberated on parole.

Dispatches received from General Sheridan state that everything was going on well on the Rio Grande.

The *World's* special says: Hon. J. L. Hatch, of New York, the author of several reports on Canadian reciprocity, is here at the request of the Ways and Means Committee, to confer with them in regard to that matter.

The British minister is still in conference with the Secretary of State, and the settlement of some plan which will be mutually advantageous to both governments.

The *Herald's* special says: For the one vacancy in the Old Pay Department of the regular army, there are about five hundred applicants.

PRESIDENT'S VETO MESSAGE.

THE FRENCH TO REMAIN IN MEXICO.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—A special dispatch to the Philadelphia *Bulletin*, from Washington, says: The President's veto message on the freedmen's bill has just been received. It is very elaborate, covering upwards of thirty pages of foolscap. He is opposed to the bill in every shape and form. He believes many of the features of it to be unconstitutional, and says that no such legislation as proposed ought to be adopted while the Southern States are unrepresented. He thinks there is too much legislation going on, and is confident to the President. He enters into a full discussion of his reconstruction policy, and thinks the Southern Representatives ought to be admitted. &c.

The tenor of the official dispatches from France, relative to the withdrawal of the French army from Mexico, is less favorable than was supposed. The withdrawal will be conditional on the establishment of the new Empire. Maximilian pledges non-intervention by the United States. The Mexicans do not accept Maximilian or endure a foreign army for an indefinite period.

Files of the *Tampico Verde*, a newspaper published in the City of Mexico, have been received here with news to the 20th of January. Secession of Papantla to the empire is announced. The place is held by Gen. Tuno, with an Austrian garrison.

The Emperor has issued a decree authorizing the formation of a company for exploring and colonizing the Districts of Huasteca, Mixtlohoyuca and Annixtian.

SUPPRESSION OF RICHMOND EXAMINER REVOKED.

CANADIAN RECIPROCITY AND CONFEDERATION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—It is known that on Saturday, General Grant refused to revoke the order suppressing the Richmond *Examiner*, expressing himself in decided terms against the publication of a certain class of articles in the Southern papers as calculated to do irremediable mischief. On Tuesday, however, Mr. Pollard was officially informed, by an officer of Gen. Grant's staff, that the order would be revoked. The course of that paper will be in future less liable to objection. General Grant will, however, in case that no newspapers shall be published containing sentiments of disloyalty and hostility to the government in any of its branches. The persistent publication of articles calculated to keep up feelings of hostility between the different sections of the country will be no longer tolerated. In a circular to this effect, dated Saturday, is added to Yeomanry Commanders who are required to give such information with a view to the suppression of newspapers of this character; there is no distinction as to North or south.

The *Herald's* Montreal correspondent states that the publication of the negotiation proceedings of the Quebec Conference on the Canadian Commission to effect in Washington a revival of the reciprocity treaty, created much excitement. The Provincial merchants are very much depressed by their prospects for the coming year, but the government organs pretend to find consolation in the assumption that the reciprocity failure will hasten the realization of the Provincial Confederation scheme. The Ministers are now determined to make another vigorous effort to carry the latter measure.

REVENUE FROM SOUTHERN STATES

Miscellaneous Washington News.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A table has been officially prepared, exhibiting the amount of money deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States from all sources in the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and Arkansas. The total amount is nearly $20,000,000 from April 1, 65, to February 1st, 1866, divided as follows: Custom House fees $1,[illegible], captured and abandoned property $13,[illegible], direct taxes, $[illegible], internal revenue, $[illegible], commercial, [illegible], internal revenue, $[illegible].

Arrangements have been made for a memorial address on the life and character of Henry Winter Davis, to be delivered by Senator Creswell, on the 22nd inst.

The banking bill has been reported to the House, in order that the town may have a decided expression of the people's wishes.

Report of Secretary Stanton, of the Secretary of War, in answer to a resolution of the House, in regard to the number of troops in the service of the United States, and the number of troops necessary to be kept in service, has been received and will be transmitted to the House to-day.

The Committee on Ways and Means have had under consideration the bill to tax the circulation of banks, and have agreed to report it to the House with a recommendation that it do not pass.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs have had under consideration the resolution of the House, in relation to the Fenian movement, and have agreed to report it back to the House with a recommendation that it do not pass.

From Mexico.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Mexican correspondence of the [illegible] says that the Liberals have [illegible] in that section [illegible] Imperialists, and is confidently expected that Matamoras will soon be in their possession. The Liberals have also [illegible] in the vicinity of Monterey, and are [illegible].

The French soldiers of the Foreign Legion in that region are said to be [illegible] with the Liberals, and [illegible] of them have deserted, some of them crossing the Rio Grande and entering the American army.

Convention of Canadian Orangemen.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A convention of the Orangemen of Canada having been perfected, to be held in Ottawa during the present month, Mr. Killian, of the Fenian Brotherhood, addressed a communication to one of the Aldermen of that town, urging the impropriety of such a gathering at the present time, and representing it as calculated to do much harm in reviving old hatred between the Catholic and Protestant Irishmen, and leading to additional strife.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

Commercial Intelligence.

PORTLAND, Feb. 20—1:30, A. M.—The steamship Moravian, from Liverpool, February 8th, via Londonderry on the 9th, has arrived.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Queen Victoria opened Parliament on the 6th. Her speech expresses satisfaction at the successful termination of the American war, and the abolition of slavery, and says that the correspondence relative to rebel cruisers, will be laid before Parliament.

The proposed address of the French Senate, in reply to the Emperor's speech repudiates the idea that the French troops are to be withdrawn from Mexico, under the American menace.

Cotton had advanced ¾d for American, while other descriptions were ⅛@¼d lower. Sales of the week, 70,000 bales; sales on Friday, 13,000 bales, the market closing with holders demanding a further advance. Breadstuffs very dull and tending downwards. Provisions steady. Lard advancing. Consols 86⅞@87; Five-Twenties, 67¼@67⅝; Illinois Central Shares, 74¼@75; Erie Shares, 52¾@53¾. The Bullion in the Bank of England increased £108,000.

XXXIXth CONGRESS---FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON, February 19, 1866.

SENATE.

Mr. Wade presented the credentials of Mr. Sherman, of Ohio.

Mr. Sumner presented a memorial from the officers of a colored convention, in Florida, praying for the elective franchise.

Mr. Morgan presented a memorial for an international copyright.

Mr. Cowan presented a memorial for the reduction of the tax on petroleum.

Mr. Wilson introduced a concurrent resolution to disarm and disband the militia of the rebellious States.

Mr. Wilson read letters from Generals Thos. Swayne, Hartruff, and others, in charge of the Freedmen of the Gulf States, which represented that there was danger of the extinction of the negro race, and the expulsion of Northern men, if the militia should not superceded the United States forces.

Mr. Saulsbury objected to the introduction of the resolution, and said that the State militia of these States could no more be disbanded by an act of Congress than could the militia of Massachusetts.

Mr. Wilson replied that they were rebels recently disarmed. They were armed again, and are as much rebels as before, and Congress has power to disarm ruffians and traitors.

Mr. Lane presented several petitions for railroads connecting Kansas with Texas.

Mr. Sherman presented a petition for a reduction of the tax on agricultural implements.

Mr. Trumbull presented a similar petition from the manufacturers of agricultural implements in Illinois.

Mr. Clarke reported back the bill to annex the counties of Jefferson and Berkley, to Virginia, with an amendment which simply consents to authorize such annexation.

Mr. Nye reported a bill concerning the boundaries of the State of Nevada, which provides for the enlargement of the present area of the State.

Mr. Stewart introduced a bill concerning National Banks in certain States. It provides that in addition to the hundred millions of banking capital now authorized, twenty-one million more shall be distributed as follows: To California $10,000,000; to Nevada, $1,000,000; to Oregon, $3,000,000; to Idaho, $2,000,000; to Washington and Arizona, $5,000,000.

Mr. Conness introduced a bill to grant the right of way through the public domain, for the construction of high ways, canals, and ditches, and reserving agricultural and mineral lands for manufacturing purposes. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Howard introduced an amendment to the Representation bill giving the right of suffrage to all citizens of African descent, who have been enrolled in the army and navy, who can read and write, and to all possessed of property to the value of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Mr. Yates then resumed his remarks from Friday on the Constitutional Amendment.

After Mr. Yates concluded, the Vice President submitted the message of the President vetoing the Freedmen's Bureau bill, which was read to the Senate. A scene of intense feeling on the part of Senators and gathered members of the House, as well as spectators in the galleries, but without any open manifestation of applause or disapprobation consequently no arrests. It is a very unusual thing to find an empty watch house on Monday morning, but such is the condition of that place this morning. Well, it's a decided improvement, and every good citizen will be heartily in favor of the question. Will it continue? Time alone must exhibit the result, but we can promise that, so far as it is possible for Mayor Wilson to contribute to this end by keeping the tavern closed, he will do so. It will require constant vigilance, on the part of his officers, to enforce the law, and even when they have succeeded in doing so, it will doubtless be more or less liquor sold on the sabbath. The open, bold, and we might say, defiant violation of the law, such as has been witnessed in times past, will not be permitted in the future, if it is in the power of the officers to prevent it. The opportunities for drunkenness and disorder are already abundant among sots and ropers, and those who have not descended into these low degrees should endeavor to let their stomachs rest over Sunday.

Habeas Corpus Case—A Father Sues for the Custody of his Children.

This morning, in the Court of Common Pleas, an interesting case of *habeas corpus* was brought before Judge Sterrett for a hearing. The plaintiff in the case was Thomas Hope, and the respondent Mrs. Martha Hope, his wife. The parties reside in Mifflin township, and the application was made to recover the custody of two minor children, a boy and a girl, aged respectively about eleven and thirteen years. It appears that the marital relations between the parties had not been of a satisfactory character, and that, some six or seven years ago, the husband left home, and remained absent for a long time, during which he believes, until within a short time, when he returned. His wife, in the meantime, had become possessed of considerable means in her own right, and on his return she refused to receive him as her husband. He then made application for the custody of his children, and was given to hope that he was amply able to provide for their wants, and give them a proper education. It was quite apparent, from the demeanor of the children in court, that they were fond of their mother, and that to have separated them from her would have been an exceedingly painful proceeding.

The Court suggested that the proper course, under the circumstances, would be to withdraw the application for the present, in the hope that the parents of the children might be able to effect a reconciliation, or make some arrangement which might prove mutually satisfactory. The father, in the meantime, was to pay the children's board, and the mother to clothe them. This course was agreed to by both parties, and thus the matter ends for the present. John B. Kirkpatrick, Esq., appeared for the petitioner, and D. D. Bruce and Wm. Hawkins, Jr., Esqs., for the respondent.

Pittsburgh Manufactures for the South

The opening of navigation will call forth from our capacious warehouses, immense stocks of Pittsburgh manufactured articles, which are so much needed in the south and southwest. The boats now loading at the wharf for Cairo, St. Louis, Nashville and other points, are receiving heavy shipments, and the wharf during the past few days, one might suppose, to judge by the crowds assembled to the scene of operations, was the wharf during the days of the Georgia excitement. The Georgia excitement has passed away, but the wharf is still the scene of busy operations, and will continue to be for months to come.

A Quiet Sunday.

We are not prepared to say that there was no liquor sold yesterday, but those who were upon the streets must have observed that the day was unusually quiet, from some cause or other. All taverns were sealed to the "out side world," but doubtless a few of the more "trustworthy" were admitted, and enjoyed their accustomed "naps" in a quiet corner, while the "boys" were at home.—no disorders of any kind on the streets, and consequently no arrests. It is a very unusual thing to find an empty watch house on Monday morning, but such is the condition of that place this morning. Well, it's a decided improvement, and every good citizen will be heartily in favor of the question. Will it continue? Time alone must exhibit the result, but we can promise that, so far as it is possible for Mayor Wilson to contribute to this end by keeping the tavern closed, he will do so. It will require constant vigilance, on the part of his officers, to enforce the law, and even when they have succeeded in doing so, it will doubtless be more or less liquor sold on the sabbath. The open, bold, and we might say, defiant violation of the law, such as has been witnessed in times past, will not be permitted in the future, if it is in the power of the officers to prevent it. The opportunities for drunkenness and disorder are already abundant among sots and ropers, and those who have not descended into these low degrees should endeavor to let their stomachs rest over Sunday.

Brakesman Injured.—On Saturday morning, the 10th inst., Mr. Frank Peyton, brakesman on the Reno, Oil Creek and Pithole Railroad, was knocked off a car while it was in motion, by the slipping of a piece of timber. Falling between the cars, the flang of a wheel ran over his left foot, nearly severing it at the instep. He was tended by Dr. Culver, and was able, on Monday, to leave for his home near Pittsburgh.

Bishop Stevens.—The friends of Bishop Stevens, of the Eastern Pennsylvania Diocese, will regret to learn that his recent attack of nervous prostration—the third he has had during the past year—was of so serious a nature that his physicians have peremptorily insisted upon a complete cessation from all official labor and care, and an absence of six months from the country. The Bishop accordingly proposes to sail for Italy on the 21st of this month. Bishop Vail, of Kansas, will administer the rite of confirmation during Bishop Stevens' absence.

Monongahela Packet Line.—We call attention to the advertisement of the Union Line of Monongahela river packets, which will make regular trips between Pittsburgh and the several ports on that river, leaving every morning at eight o'clock and every evening at six. The four first-class side-wheel boats composing the line are more than adequate to accommodate the river trade, so that shippers need not fear any delay on that account.

Two Men Killed.—The Altoona *Tribune* says: "Just as we were about going to press we learned that two men named Nagle and Sheehan were instantly killed, on Wednesday last, by the caving in upon them of an ore bank in which they were at work, near Blair Furnace, a few miles below this place. They were buried twenty-four hours before their bodies were recovered. We believe they were been honest and industrious men."

Serious Railway Accident.—An accident occurred on the Franklin Branch railway at six o'clock on Friday morning last, to freight train No. 37. The train was going to Franklin, and when turning a curve in the road near Sugar Creek, ran off the track and into the river, killing the Brenan, Mr. Bostick, instantly. Little damage was sustained by the train. The cause of the accident has not been ascertained.

The Courts.—Judge Williams, of the District Court, is not holding Court to-day. In the Common Pleas, before Judge Stowe, the case of McGrew & Co. vs. Stone, before reported, is still on trial. The examination of witnesses has not yet been concluded. The other branch of the Common Pleas is not in session.

The Right Man.—The man Ramaly who was arrested by the Allegheny police a day or two since, for the larceny of a dollar, resides in the vicinity of Manchester. We make the statement in justice to a very worthy gentleman of a similar name residing in Allegheny.

Dull.—There was only one common case before the Mayor of Allegheny to-day. He was fined and discharged.

DIED.

JESTER—At Sewickley, Mr. REBECCA JESTER, Feb'ry 18th.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her son-in-law, Capt. James Dickey, at Sewickley, on TUESDAY, 20th inst., at 10 o'clock. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

DOUTHETT—At St. Louis, on Saturday morning, 17th inst., Mrs. ELIZABETH DOUTHETT, in the 95th year of her age.

Notice of funeral will be given.

LOUGHRY—On Sunday morning, at forty-five minutes past six o'clock, HARRY K. LOUGHRY, youngest son of William and M. A. Loughry, in the 16th year of his age.

Funeral to start from the family residence, No. 50 Penn street, on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 20th inst., at two o'clock, to proceed to the Allegheny Cemetery. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

McELROY—On Saturday, February 17th, at ten o'clock, p. m., SAMUEL GEORGE, only son of Samuel and Martha Ann McElroy, aged two years and seven months.

CEMETERIES.

HILLDALE CEMETERY.—A rural and most picturesque place of Sepulture, situate on the uplands, immediately north of Allegheny City, on the New Brighton Road. Persons wishing to select Burial Lots will apply at the Superintendent's office, at the Cemetery. Title Deeds, Permits and all other business to be attended to at the Drug Warehouse of the undersigned, corner of Federal and Lesock streets, Allegheny.

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Our readers will see that we have kept our promise of improvement in the letter-press of the GAZETTE. This improvement will be permanent; and when our new press arrives, as it will in the course of six weeks, we shall be able to make a still further typographical advance.

SPEECH OF HON. THOS. WILLIAMS.

The very able and eloquent speech of Hon. THOMAS WILLIAMS—the ablest yet delivered this session—will be published entire in our weekly edition of Wednesday. Orders for copies should be left at the Counting-room this morning.

FREE TRADE ON REVENUE.

Before the war the expenses of the government were defrayed almost wholly by impost duties on foreign goods. The contributions from land sales were inconsiderable. As the war progressed, and its proportions enlarged, it became apparent that resort must be had to other methods for securing income. The imposts could not be made to yield sufficient income to pay even the interest on the public debt which it was indispensable to contract. An experimental direct tax was levied in 1862, and collected from the States. This was followed by the internal revenue system, which produced more than two hundred and eleven millions of dollars last year, and will yield much more the current year. To make the taxation of domestic articles productive of revenue, it was needful to increase the impost duties; for everybody perceives that the imposition of an excise duty, so far as the effect on domestic production is concerned, is precisely equivalent to abating the impost duty by the same amount, on competing foreign articles.

By far, the larger portion of the national revenue is now derived from internal taxation. If the tariff on foreign goods should be reduced, the moneys received at the custom-houses would be considerably increased, but this gain would be much more than counterbalanced by the loss of income at the offices of the Collectors of Internal Revenue. Hence, to inaugurate Free Trade, or even to approximate thereto, would so far impair the national resources and credit as to lead to a financial revulsion. Under our present system this means more than it did under the old one. Formerly, the government credit was a thing by itself. The worst that could happen was a depreciation of the national securities. Now, the whole banking system holds an intimate connection with the national credit. It is based thereon. Let the confidence reposed in the present availability and ultimate security of the Government bonds be seriously shaken, and the paralysis of the public credit will be speedily followed by the utter collapse of the banks and of all commercial confidence. Free Trade, at all times prejudicial, would now be necessarily attended by bad consequences, the effect of which it is impossible to over-estimate.

On the 19th of last August—two days after the Republican State Convention—Gen. GEARY wrote a letter to Mr. CESSNA, Chairman of the State Committee, and which was published in the Philadelphia *Press*, in which he says:

"The platform of principles adopted by the Convention, merits more than a passing consideration. From beginning to end, each and every one of those resolutions is "sound to the core," and eminently national in its character; they embody those monitions which the loyal men of the North cannot disregard; they render that justice which has been withheld from the noble minister those rebukes which are proper and fitting; they contain the declaration of principles upon which alone an enduring republic can be established.

"The cordial endorsements of President Johnson and Secretary Stanton, are just tributes to the exalted characters of two of the purest statesmen of the American Republic."

That most effectually disposes of the allegation that the General was not in the Republican party last year.

THE London *Spectator* says that the democracies are all going wrong about free trade. If iron cannot be made in Pennsylvania without protection, says that journal, "it shows in the clearest way that the men engaged in mining are wasting their labor, and could get far more iron by working at agriculture and buying foreign iron with the proceeds than by direct mining." The people of the grain and meat producing districts have tried that policy out. Corn was produced till it became cheaper than coal for ordinary fuel. But the farmers were in debt; their estates heavily encumbered; with no prospect of a salutary change, when the war made protection indispensable. Now every prudent, industrious farmer is out of debt. Protection carried them through, and they will stand by it.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT.—Mr. G. W. ANDERSON, of Missouri, has offered in the House of Representatives a joint resolution amendatory of the Constitution. It has one characteristic that ought to commend it to Copperheads and Conservatives. It does not relate to the blacks. It simply proposes to abolish the phrase "United States of America," and to substitute the one word "America." The effect of this change would be to make the legal designation of this country America, and the legal discription of its citizens Americans. This pre-eminence is now generally accorded, but the validation of the practice would contribute to euphony and convenience.

FRANCE AND MEXICO.—The telegraphic news we publish this morning confirms and elucidates the remark we made a few days ago, that a Bonaparte is not to be trusted. It seems the French troops are to be withdrawn, but one hundred thousand Austrians sent to replace them. On the withdrawal the attempt was made to wheedle the United States into an agreement of neutrality. Whatever differences of opinion may exist as to what is called the Monroe doctrine, or as to its enforcement, now or hereafter, there can be but one opinion as to the endeavor to entrap our government into an arrangement on partial, and, therefore, false representations.

GEN. GRANT has taken the disloyal newspapers in rebel States under military supervision. As the General is a cautious man, it must be he is impressed with the belief that the rebel element is not so entirely squelched as he represented in his letter to the President giving an account of his Southern trip. Harsh measures of the sort he now has recourse to do not comport with the satisfactory dispositions he attributed to the Southern people.

THE New York *Times* confesses that in reading a certain class of Southern journals it "almost forgets that the war is over." It is, unfortunately, just this class of journals that have most influence over Southern people. And this is one of the plain reasons why reflecting Northern men doubt if the time has come to readmit the rebel States to their old places in the Union.

THE New York *Times* sharply rebukes the people who go to the White House, and give the President occasions for speech-making. We do not wonder that the peculiar champions of the President feel there has been somewhat too much of this.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.—The Hon. GEO. V. LAWRENCE, and Col. JOHN HULL have been appointed delegates to the Republican State Convention. Instructed for General MOORHEAD.

YESTERDAY the mails for four consecutive days reached this city from Milwaukee on the same train; also, the mails for three days from Chicago. Passengers came no faster. Cause, two or three inches of snow.

LETTER FROM HARRISBURG.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

HARRISBURG, Febuary 16, 1866.

EDITORS GAZETTE:—To-day the House adjourned to afford the Committee of Ways and Means an opportunity to visit the various State institutions of charity at Philadelphia and thereby obtain the information necessary to adapt the appropriations to the requirements of the same. To some unsophisticated minds it may seem strange that the Legislature of the sovereign State of Pennsylvania should adjourn for the purposes aforesaid, but such are the facts, and precedents are the potent reasons.

Your special correspondent keeps you advised of all that transpires in the Legislature. We do some things well, and some things we might do better. We have passed some important bills, and there are others before us which promise to be interesting and important. The act regulating the liquor license in Allegheny county, and which has passed the senate, promises to be interesting. This is an important bill to the people of our county. If this bill is not stringent enough let the people inquire or indicate such measures or additional restrictions as they deem proper, and their instructions will be respectfully heeded. We are aware that this traffic requires strong legislative restraints.

There is a rumor afloat and which has come to our ears, that $20,000 have been raised to secure the final passage of this bill. Now we do not know how much, or how little money has been raised, or whether any, for this purpose, but one thing we do know, and that is, that we have seen none of this money, nor have any of my colleagues. Money, sir, will not procure the desired legislation. If those interested in the traffic want to get favorable legislation let them not proffer money for this purpose. No better method could be adopted to defeat this purpose.

The eight hour system is upon us, and must be met and disposed of in the course of the coming week. Hon. J. K. Moorehead was here making friends and putting things in working order, preparatory to the Gubernatorial campaign. The General's prospects are good. John Burns, the hero of Gettysburgh, is assistant doorkeeper of the Senate. Honor to the old hero who fought for his home, while traitors fled.

GENERAL NEWS.

THERE is an oil region between Windsor, opposite Detroit, and London, Canada West, situated near the Great Western Railway, that seems to be equal to the famous Venango region in Pennsylvania. Oil is reached at a depth of sixty to eighty feet, though the best wells are bored to the depth of two hundred to three hundred and fifty feet. One well is called the Bishop well, and is said to yield two hundred barrels per day, worth $20 per barrel, while the daily cost of working is but $20. Property is high in that region, and everything is of course inflated. Many wells are in progress, and consolidation is up to fever heat. Village property costs from $500 to $2,000 for one-sixth of an acre, and oil lands readily realize from $1,000 to $1,500 per acre, while what are called "gum-beds" rise as high as $2,000 to $5,000 for eighths and ninths of an acre.

A GENUINE OLD FOGY.—There lives a man in the town of Marion, Wis., who is sixty years old, who never went to a bar of any kind and took a drink of ardent spirits; never attended a theatre or show of any description; never took a chew of tobacco, or smoked a pipe or cigar; never went to a ball or danced a step; never played a game of cards, billiards, dominoes, dice or checkers, or any game whatever that is played for money; never courted but one woman, whom he married and lived with yet; never joined any order or organization except the Christian Church, of which he is yet a member, and never had his name in a newspaper but once before, which was when he was married, and so refuses to give his name for publication now.

MR. GARRISON ON THE SOUTHERN QUESTION.—William Lloyd Garrison delivered a lecture in Philadelphia on Thursday night. He congratulated the audience on the immense advantages gained by emancipation; denied that the South was victorious; alleged that the North had emerged from the civil war with a glorious record, and hoped the President would do right, and was anxious to trust him; but if he failed he relied on Congress to remedy his shortcomings, and provide for the reconstruction of free institutions in the South. He also recommended Pennsylvania to permit the colored men to vote.

MUTILATED NOTES.—The following is an established rule of the Treasury department: "Mutilated notes and fragments will be redeemed only at the Treasury of the United States at Washington. They should be forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.," with the name of the owner, the name of his or her postoffice and State, and the amount value of the amount remitted, plainly written. A draft on the assistant treasurer at New York for the amount allowed, returned by mail to the address of the person remitting, is the customary method of payment."

MR. VIRGIL RICKOY, of Springfield, Mass., having withdrawn his subscription of $50 from the Library Association of that city, because a committee of that association invited Mr. Frederick Douglass to lecture, three colored men of Springfield promptly made up the amount and presented it to the Association.

JOHN HERBERT, farmer of Ridgefield, Connecticut, went to a menagerie the other day, and while there thought it no harm to pat the lion on his back. The king of beasts resented this familiarity by taking the hand between his teeth and closing his jaws. The poor man has since died of lockjaw.

THE Mozart Democracy are organizing a political club of the hardshell order, to counteract the operations, of what the *News* calls "the aristocratic portion of the Tammany society," who have organized the Manhattan Club, and to secure power in the hands of the Democratic masses, where it belongs.

THE order for the suppression of the Richmond *Examiner*, is said to have proceeded from Gen. Grant. We infer that the Lieutenant-General has considerably modified his opinions since that report to the President, in which he declared the South fit for immediate readmission.—*New York Tribune.*

A VOLUNTEER writer in the Montreal *Gazette*, argues at all points, against the annexation of Canada to the United States. Oh ho! This question has already made its appearance then. We have been asserted that any man who in Canada, should talk of annexation would be treated as a rebel and a heathen.

A CORRESPONDENT writes that President Johnson's recent talk with the Virginia delegation, is the general subject of conversation among public men at Madison, Wis., where the Legislature is now in session, and excites grave apprehension among Union members as to the policy of the Administration.

GEORGE SAND was recently invited to deliver a lecture in Paris, and at first accepted. Subsequently, however, she suggested to be excused, stating that she had never been able to overcome a natural diffidence in speaking to a number of persons at one time, even in a drawing room.

THE New York *News* draws a historical parallel between President Johnson in this wise: "Clenching his hands in the face of a traitorous Congress and party, he bids the country look to him for the discharge of his whole duty as a statesman and a patriot."

THE Cleveland *Herald* of yesterday gives an account of a supposed earthquake at that city, accompanied by a loud dull report, and a deep and long-like tremor in the ground. But it is the opinion of some that it was an effect of the extreme cold.

ONE of the members of the West Virginia Legislature recently in a debate upon the location of the capital of that State, made the timid observation that "at this rate we will not never locate the capital nowhere."

A GENTLEMAN from Texas states to the New York *Times* that the cotton crop of that State will next year amount to 600,000 bales. At this ratio, the entire cotton yield for the year will be double the usual figures.

THE Richmond *Whig* says that fifty thousand young men from the Southern States have settled in New York city. The *Whig* protests against any more emigration either to the North or to Mexico or Brazil.

A PARIS paper states that the great mortality among cattle in England has increased the price of butchers' meat in France in consequence of the large exportation of cattle, sheep, and poultry for the English market.

THE Lake Erie Press Association, composed of newspapers in Northern Pennsylvania, Northwestern New York and Northeastern Ohio, held a meeting in Meadville on Thursday last.

THE Ohio *Statesman* says that A. C. McMillen, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue at Wooster, was arrested on a charge of defalcation and embezzlement of the public monies.

THE removal of the Kentucky State Capital from Frankfort to Lexington is being talked of. Lexington has offered $100,000 to pay expenses, and an investigation is proceeding.

AT Cincinnati, on Friday morning, a young woman was found dead in the street under circumstances that led to suspicions of foul play.

MUCH satisfaction is expressed by New England men in Washington over the nomination of Gen. Hawley as the Union candidate for Governor of Connecticut.

THE daughter of a wealthy farmer of Saline county, Missouri, eloped a few days ago with a negro. She was a rampant rebel during the rebellion.

JEFFERSON DAVIS is now afflicted with a sore throat.—*Albany Argus.*

He ought to have it tied up.—*New Haven Palladium.*

BY the death of Dr. Nott, Rev. Gardner Spring, D. D., is now left as the sole survivor of the founders of the American Bible Society.

HORACE GREELY denies the truth of the statement that he participated in a dinner party at Delmonico's to A. H. Stephens.

AT the late Arion ball in New York, Gen. McClellan was represented by a German dwarf riding upon a Newfoundland dog.

THE Boston *Commonwealth* speaks of Horace Greeley as "a warm-hearted philanthropist and soft-hearted politician."

IT is a curious fact that the more cheek a man has the less he blushes.

SLAVERY REDIVIVUS.—A bill has been introduced into the Georgia Legislature, authorizing the sale of negroes into servitude for benefit of creditors who cannot obtain satisfaction from their property. This is perfectly in the provision of the shameful apprenticeship system in Cuba, which amounts in effect to compulsory chattel slavery. The Georgians have accepted the Constitutional amendment of abolition, but they cling to the despotic traditions which grew out of the system, and attach upon the life of States in which it has prevailed. We sincerely trust, in the interests of Georgia itself, that the measure will be defeated in the Legislature; that no such impediment will be put in the way of reorganization, as would be created by such a shameful enactment.—*Albany Evening Journal.*

Tropical Notions.

A notice of Sir John Bowring's recent Recollections of Java, in an English magazine, says:

Sir John was present once at the arrival of a cargo of ice for the first time in Java. "The people," he says, "looked at it with the same wonder at first that they would have felt had they seen similar masses of crystal. They touched it: the cold was such as they had never before experienced, and the novel sensation filled them with awe and apprehension. But when it dissolved in their hands, they fancied they had unknowingly worked a miracle, and that some demon must have been at the bottom of the mystery. Descriptions of snow, frost, ice and winter scenery have a singular attraction to the inhabitants of the hot regions. These are to them the very romance of nature. In my travels in the interior of Java I met with a mandoc complained lady who was burning with a desire, about to be gratified of visiting Europe. 'And now tell me of all you hope to see, from what do you expect to receive the greatest pleasure?' 'Oh,' she answered, 'a forest without leaves.'"

SEVENTEEN autograph letters of Lord Byron are advertised for sale at auction in London: They are mostly addressed to Mr. J. Hodgson, and contain numerous passages which have not yet been published. One, for instance, contains this rather plain confession: "I hope you will find me an altered personage: I do not mean in body, but in manner, for I begin to find out that nothing but virtue will do in this—world. I am tolerably sick of vice, which I have tried in its agreeable varieties, and mean, on my return, to cut off all my dissolute acquaintance, leave off wine and carnal company, and betake myself to politics and decorum." In another letter, dated Athens, he says: "I am living alone in the Franciscan Monastery, with a Capuchin friar, a bandy-legged Turkish cook, two Albanian savages, a Tartar, and a dragoman." Respecting his speech in the House of Lords, he remarks: "I have had many marvellous eulogies repeated to me since, in person and by proxy; of these I shall only mention Sir F. Burdett. He says, it is the best speech by a lord, since the Lord knows when!"—*Foreign Paper.*

SPURGEON.—A London correspondent of the Chicago *Journal* says:

You have long known my opinion of the Rev. Dr. Spurgeon, who made such a noise some time ago, and was reputed equal to, if not the superior of the famous Whitfield, as a pulpit orator. Every now and then he attracts a little notice by indulging in some eccentricity or extraordinary vagary, designed, undoubtedly, to attract customers to his gospel. His last effort of this sort was most extraordinary. On Christmas day he appeared in his pulpit with a crown on his head and a palm in his hand! Comment is unnecessary, and it is hardly necessary to say that he has no association whatever with the reputed and intellectual portion of the Baptist persuasion, who adore him, and whom he rules with a rod of iron, is composed of the illiterate and weak minded of the lower orders only.

ASTROLOGY.

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NAVY SURGEONS.

BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY, } NAVY DEPARTMENT, Washington, D. C., } Feb. 17, 1866.

MEDICAL BOARDS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION INTO THE NAVY AS ASSISTANT SURGEONS.—Boards of Medical Officers will convene at the Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Naval Asylum, Philadelphia, Pa., on MONDAY, March 19th, 1866, for the Examination of Candidates for admission into the Medical Corps of the Navy.

Candidates desirous of appearing before either Board, must make application to the Honorable Secretary of the Navy, or to the undersigned, stating residence, date and place of birth, and before which Board they desire to present themselves. Applications to be accompanied by responsible testimonials of moral character.

Candidates must not be less than twenty-one nor more than twenty-six years of age.

No expense is allowed by the Government to candidates attending the examination. The Board's successful examination is a legal prerequisite for appointment in the navy.

P. J. HOEWITZ, Chief of Bureau.

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AUCTION SALES.

ELEGANT RESIDENCE, HANDSOME GROUNDS, OUT BUILDINGS, &c., AT AUCTION.—RARE CHANCE TO SECURE A SUBURBAN HOUSE, WITH CITY CONVENIENCES.—On TUESDAY, March 6th, at 10 o'clock, A. M., will be sold, at Masonic Hall Auction House, 55 and 57 Fifth street, the large two storied Brick Residence, situate on Western Avenue, on the line of the Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Manchester Railway, corner of Sandusky, and possession given. The parlors, library and dining room on first floor, with wide hall and stair case; four chambers on 2d floor, and bath room. The kitchen and back building has large kitchen with good range; washroom, with furnace, bake-oven, and stationary tubs, has also a cellar under the whole. There is a nursery, store room and bath room with water closet. House has been newly painted, grained, papered and put in thorough repair. Gas, hot and cold water throughout, stationary wash stands, elegant marble and slate mantles, and possesses all the requisites of a country home, with the modern improvements of a city residence.

Out Buildings consist of Stables and Carriage House, new grape arbor, coal house, &c. The Grounds are handsomely laid out with dwarf fruit and ornamental trees, shrubbery, and walks, &c., having a front on Western avenue of 75 feet, extending along Allegheny avenue 250 feet, with new fence inside. Alley for Grazing.

TERMS—One-third cash, balance in one and two years, with interest, secured by bond and mortgage.

For further particulars, enquire at 55 and 57 Fifth street. (fe22) T. A. McCLELLAND, Auct.

BANK STOCK & CITY GROUND RENTS.—EXECUTOR'S SALE.—TUESDAY EVENING, February 27th, at 7½ o'clock, will be sold, by order of EXECUTORS, at the Second floor of Commercial Sales Rooms, 106 Smithfield street,

61 shares Bank of Pittsburgh;
12 " Exchange National Bank;
12 " Mechanics' do do.

And the following Ground Rents in City of Pittsburgh:

$60 per annum on No. 98 Wood street;
" " No. 89 Third street;
" " No. 50 Fourth street;
$72 50 " " Nos. 25, 27, 29 and 29 Fifth st.

fe16 A. McILWAINE, Auctioneer.

BIRMINGHAM PROPERTY AT AUCTION.—On Thursday morning, Feb. 22d at 10 o'clock, will be sold, at Masonic Hall Auction Rooms, 55 and 57 Fifth street, Pittsburgh, all those valuable Lots of ground situate in Birmingham, Six two-storied Brick Dwelling Houses, situated on Meadow street, between Carroll and Sarah streets. Each house contains four rooms with bake-oven and out houses, all in good condition, being nearly new.

TERMS—One-fourth cash; balance in one, two and three years, with interest, secured by bond and mortgage.

fe14 T. A. McCLELLAND, Auct.

NEW FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—On TUESDAY, Feb. 20th, at 7 o'clock, will be sold, at Masonic Hall Auction Rooms, 55 and 57 Fifth street, Pew No. 1 in the First Presbyterian Church, eligibly situated in the middle isle. (fe15) T. A. McCLELLAND, Auct'r.

BANK STOCK.—On Tuesday, Feb. 20th, at 2 o'clock P. M., will be sold at Masonic Hall Auction Rooms, 55 and 57 Fifth street,

15 shares Allegheny National Bank.

fe15 T. A. McCLELLAND, Auct'r.

DISSOLUTIONS.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned has been dissolved by mutual consent, to take effect January 1st, 1866. THOS. J. HOSKINSON retiring from the firm. The remaining partners will continue the business of the late firm under the name and style of EVERSON, PRESTON & CO.

W. H. EVERSON,
RADCLIFFE PRESTON,
THOS. J. HOSKINSON.
C. L. GRAFF.

Having sold my interest in the firm of EVERSON, PRESTON & CO. to Wm. H. Everson and Radcliffe Preston, I cheerfully recommend the new firm to my friends and the public generally.

fe7:3d THOS. J. HOSKINSON.

WALL PAPERS.

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In New Designs.

PLAIN AND BEAUTIFUL BRIGHT COLORS,

Now Receiving

IN GREAT VARIETY, AT

107 Market Street, near Fifth.

fe10 JOS. E. HUGHES & BRO.

DRAUGHTING.

GENERAL DRAUGHTING OFFICE

And Patent Agency

No. 12 St. Clair St., near Suspension Bridge

H. F. GENGEMBRE, Civil Engineer
Residence: No. 14 Bar street.

PORK PACKERS.

JAMES LIPPINCOTT,

Pork Packer,

Dealer in S. C. HAMS, BACON, BARREL PORK, DRIED BEEF, LARD, LARD OIL, GREASE, TALLOW, &c., would respectfully solicit a share of the trade, No. 23 SEVENTH STREET, Pittsburgh.

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OCULISTS.

OCULIST.

DR. STERRETT,

277 Penn street, REMOVES CATARACTS by a new operation, causing but slight pain. Inserts Artificial Eyes. Straightens Crooked ones. Opens the Obstructed Tear-ducts so as to dispense with the unsightly style. fe16:1tdd&w1

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE.—CO-PARTNERSHIP.—We have this day associated with us in the Paving Business, ARTHUR HOBSON, to date from January 1st, 1866, to continue under the name and style of McINTYRE, McNAUGHER & CO.

JOHN McINTYRE,
JOSEPH McNAUGHER,
SAMUEL McNAUGHER,

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NOTICES.

NOTICE.—At a meeting of the Furniture Manufacturers of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, in session this day, it was resolved that on and after the first of March next, we will reduce the wages of our workmen fifteen per cent. By order

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.—There will be no freight received at the PITTSBURGH AND CONNELLSVILLE RAILROAD DEPOT, corner First and Ross streets, for points above Brownsville, until further notice, owing to the Bridge over Jacob's Creek, being partly washed away by gorge of ice. Freight for West Newton and all points this side will be received as heretofore.

H. C. SHALLENBERGER, Agent.

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NOTICE. THE SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS for increasing the Capital Stock of the NATIONAL REFINING AND STORING COMPANY, as per resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders, are now open at the office of the Company, Duquesne Way, below Head street, and subscriptions for the remainder of the stock to be issued, will be received from the original stockholders, to the 30th inst.

S. B. KELLER, }
C. BERINGER, } Committee.

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NOTICE.—TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY.—By an act of Assembly, approved the 6th of February, 1866, the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company is authorized to increase ten per cent. Preferred Stock to the amount of One Million of Dollars, which said stock is to be offered to the present Stockholders. Subscription Books to said stock are opened at the office of the Company, and will remain open for Stockholders exclusively, until the 10th day of March next.

fe15:td4 WILLIAM PHILLIPS, President.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF DRAYS, HACKS, &c.—Notice is hereby given to all owners of Drays, Carts, Carriages, Hacks, &c., whether resident or non-resident in the City of Pittsburgh, to pay their Licenses at the Treasurer's office of the City of Pittsburgh, FORTHWITH. In accordance with an Act of Assembly, approved March 30, 1859, and an Ordinance of the Councils of the City of Pittsburgh, passed April 16, 1860, and all persons who neglect or refuse to take out Licenses will be subject to a penalty, to be recovered before the Mayor, double the amount of the License.

The old metal plate of previous years must be returned at the time Licenses are taken out, or pay 25 cents therefor.

RATES OF LICENSE:

Each One Horse Dray	$ 7 50
Each Two Horse Vehicle	12 50
Each Four Horse Vehicle	15 00
Each Two Horse Hack	10 00
Omnibuses, and Timber Wheels drawn by two horses, $18 00 each. For each additional horse used in any of the above vehicles, $5 00.	

W. ECHBALM, City Treasurer.

PITTSBURGH, February 5th 1866.—fe6:mwsyld

MEETINGS.

OFFICE OF THE ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R. CO., } PITTSBURGH, February 1st, 1866. }

ANNUAL MEETING.—In accordance with the 10th Section of the Act and Supplements, the Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company will be held at the Office of the Company, in Pittsburgh, on TUESDAY, February 27th, 1866, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the election of a President and Managers, to elect a Board of Managers for the ensuing year, and transact such other business as may be presented.

By order of the President.

fe6:td JOHN BALLANTINE, Secretary.

NOTICE.—The Stockholders of the UNION CHERRY-RUN BASIN OIL AND MINING CO. are requested to meet at the Office of the Co., No. 90 City Block, Fifth street, Pittsburgh, at 3 o'clock P. M., of the SECOND DAY OF MARCH, 1866, for the purpose of electing their Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

By order of the President.

fe15:td3DAYS J. McCUTCHEON, Sec'y.

ELECTION NOTICES.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF THE LONG RUN OIL CO. will be held at the Office of the Co., on TUESDAY, February 27th, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

fe15:td2 SAM'L C. SCHOYER, Sec'y.

OFFICE ERIE CANAL COMPANY, } ERIE, February 13th, 1866. }

ERIE CANAL COMPANY.—An Election for seven Directors of the ERIE CANAL COMPANY will be held at the Office of the Company, in Erie, on MONDAY, the 5th of March next.

fe16:td3 A. H. CAUGHEY, Secretary.

MONONGAHELA BRIDGE, } PITTSBURGH, February 20, 1866. }

AN ELECTION FOR THIRTEEN MANAGERS of the Company for erecting a Bridge over the Monongahela, opposite Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny, in conformity to an Act of Assembly, passed January 28th, 1861, will be held at the Toll House, on MONDAY, March 5th, 1866, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

N. HOLMES, Treasurer.

ELECTION NOTICE.—An Election for President, Managers and Officers of The Company for filling and storing ice on the Allegheny River, opposite Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny, will be held at the Toll House, in the South end of the Bridge, on MONDAY, the 5th day of March next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

fe16:10d3 W. McKNIGHT, Treasurer.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL REFINING AND STORING COMPANY, } PITTSBURGH, February 15, 1866. }

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF the above Company have this day declared a dividend of FORTY PER CENT., out of the earnings of the last six months of the present year. The same is payable on the 20th inst., to the Stockholders of record on the 20th inst.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 22d inst.

fe15:3wd C. BERINGER, Secretary.

PROPOSALS.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, } CITY OF ALLEGHENY, February 16, 1866. }

SEALED PROPOSALS, endorsed "Proposals for Grading and Paving," will be received at this office until THURSDAY EVENING, March 15th, for Grading and Paving Ridge Street, from Jacob Heller to Grazier street, and Grading and Paving Centre street.

fe19:td R. E. FRANCIS, Controller.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, } CITY OF ALLEGHENY, February 14, 1866. }

SEALED PROPOSALS, endorsed "Proposals for Painting Market House," will be received at this office until SATURDAY, 24th February, for painting the Wood and Iron Work of the Market House. Bidders are requested to make bids for Three Coats of Paint, and for Four Coats. Also, for ONE COAT INSIDE AND AND TWO OUTSIDE.

Bids will also be received at the same time for WHITEWASHING THE MARKET HOUSE.

fe19:td R. B. FRANCIS, Controller.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, } CITY OF ALLEGHENY, Feb. 16th, 1866. }

SEALED PROPOSALS, endorsed "Proposals for Plan of Water Pipes," will be received at this office until SATURDAY, 24th February, for receiving a Plan of the Water Pipes of the city.

Also, Proposals, endorsed "Proposals for Street Lamps," will be received until WEDNESDAY, 28th February, inclusive, for furnishing 24 new Tin Gas Lamps of the Ellis pattern.

Also, Proposals, endorsed "Proposals for Lighting City Lamps," will be received until WEDNESDAY, 28th February, inclusive, for the charge of the City Lamps, to light, clean, and keep in order for one year.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

fe16:td R. B. FRANCIS, City Controller.

RELIEF.

MONEYS COLLECTED BY THE Committees for the Sufferers at the late fire in Reserve Township and Allegheny City, on the 11th inst.

First Ward—S. Dyer & Gerwig	$ 331 00
Second Ward—Filmer & Sutmyer	324 75
Third Ward—Smith & Gang	401 00
Fourth Ward—Walter & Bierhorst	417 00
do do Jas. Graham & Co's	285 50
Rev. Schneid—German Church, 4th ward,	67 00
Rev. Widerhoven do do do	71 50
Charles Gearing, Reserve Township	207 00
Pittsburgh Fuel Company	200 00
Pittsburgh Turners	121 25
Rev. C. Walters' Church	267 86
	$3,666 15

ALLEGHENY CITY, January 1st, 1867.

MONEY PAID OVER TO MAYOR MORRISON.

Gang & Smith	$ 5 50
Thomas Hutchinson	26 00
Pittsburgh Turners	37 25
Reed's Bank	129 50
J. Graham, 6th ward	285 00
Rev. Widerhoven's Church	22 50
	$505 75

DISTRIBUTION TO THE SUFFERERS.

Charles Hoffman	$140 00
George Pfeifer	70 00
Gottlieb Wise	65 00
John Miller	35 00
Servant at Frey's	10 00
Franz Crouse	70 00
Jacob Fogle	60 00
John Hady	55 00
Christian Camerer	35 00
J. C. Adam	50 00
Widow Elmen	60 00
Frantz Anderlitick	70 00
Peter Hollander	25 00
Lorenz Myer	25 00
Mike Hoffman	30 00
Henry Wagner	15 00
F. Seip	10 00
C. Haushire	20 00
Leonard Seiffinger	115 00
Constadd Fey	100 00
Mr. Kramer	10 00
A. Kohler	15 00
Mrs. Shron	25 00
Mr. Franz	5 00
J. Bentz	10 00
Mr. Swalm	30 00
Gottlieb Michiger	15 00
Widow Fey	50 00
Mr. Spellmyer	150 00
Sandy Mechlin	100 00
John Emich	200 00
John Garlach	150 00
John Wagner	250 00
Jacob Barich	200 00
Fred Hoffman	100 00
Conrad Ede	50 00
Franklin M. Kunkel	10 00
Ludwig Myer	50 00

The following persons are entitled to the benefit of the amount set opposite their names, by calling on the Treasurer, Col. George Gerst:

Mrs. Pfeifer	$ 11 00
George Hoffman	10 00
Michael Miller	10 00
Mrs. Schwoin	5 00
Mrs. Herrendel	10 00
C. Kutter	10 00
J. Kittler	11 00
J. Franz	5 00
G. Muhelling	10 00
Mrs. Brannigan	5 00
Kunkel	5 00
Lorenz Meyer	5 00
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COMMITTEE.

COL GERST, J. SMITH,
CASPER GANG, LEONARD WALTER,
C. DELLENBAUH, HENRY GERWIG,
WM. MUELLER, MAX GOEBELMANN,
JOHN MAIERHOF, JOHN FLEINER.

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REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE. A desireable Dwelling House and Lot for sale in Allegheny City, No. 55 Voegtly street, near to Locust street; house built in modern style and containing 7 rooms, viz: parlor, dining room and kitchen on 1st floor; hall and two large sleeping apartments in 2d story, with side lifted into two neatly finished rooms, and hall; cellar and wash-house in basement, supplied with water pipes; fine bake-oven opening into kitchen; hydrant water in the yard. The lot is well filled with grape vines and fruit trees. Possession April 1st. Price $4,200.

E. McLAIN & CO.
109 Fourth street.

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EDUCATIONAL.

THE WEST CHESTER ACADEMY AND MILITARY INSTITUTE.—The Spring Term of the Scholastic Year, commences on the 1st of February, and closes on the 25th of June next.

Boys and Young Men thoroughly prepared for business or College. The Principal, who is also the head teacher, is assisted by TEN gentlemen of ability, tact and experience.

Having purchased the large and commodious School property near West Chester, lately occupied by the Pennsylvania Military Academy, he designs removing his school there in a few weeks. After the removal the Military department, though at present very efficient and flourishing, will be abandoned.

For Catalogues, apply to the Principal.

WILLIAM F. WORK, A. M.,
fe24:1mW At West Chester, Penna.

WANTS.

WANTED—CLERKSHIP.—A Middle aged Man, of experience and competency, wants a situation as ACCOUNTANT or CASHIER. Best reference. Address "MAN," at GAZETTE OFFICE. fe17:1t

WANTED—EMPLOYMENT.—By a Young Man, in a Store, Warehouse or Manufactory. He was brought up on a farm; has a fair education, and will try to make himself useful. Address "S.," at GAZETTE OFFICE. fe17:1t

WANTED—AGENTS.—EMPLOYMENT FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS AND ALL OTHERS.—Great Sale of Jewelry, Silverware, &c. &c. The Hamilton & Co.'s GREAT GIFT DISTRIBUTION. Our agents are making from Five to Thirty Dollars per day, and we need still more. Late invoices from Europe have swelled our stock to over One Million Dollars. A splendid assortment of Watches, Rings, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Jewelry of all kinds, of the most fashionable patterns, selling at $1 each. Send 25 cents for certificate, and you will see what you are entitled to; or send $1 for five certificates, or $5 for thirty, or send a three-cent stamp for our terms to agents, which are of the most liberal kind. Now is your time. Write plainly your name, city, county and state, to HAMILTON & CO., Box 5678, P. O., New York. Salesroom, 36 Liberty street, New York. fe20:2tn

FOR SALE.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

WILL PURCHASE A

Lot in Pitt Township,

ENQUIRE OF

McMASTER, GAZZAM & CO.,

fe20 Attorneys at Law, 58 Grant street.

FOR SALE—IOWA LAND—$1,600.—ABOUT FOUR HUNDR

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1866.

RECONSTRUCTION.

SPEECH OF HON. THOMAS WILLIAMS, OF PENNSYLVANIA,

In the House of Representatives, February 10th, 1866, on the Reconstruction Policy of the President.

CONCLUSION.

But though we were even insensible to the claims of justice and the emotions of gratitude, and entirely indifferent to the elevation of the negro race for its own sake, we want their vote for our own protection. Our best security is to erect a breakwater against the encroachments of the disaffected white man by enlisting the counteracting influence, the cheap support in peace, of the loyal black man to whom we have so successfully appealed in war. We need his suffrage now to assist us in keeping that peace which he had so large a share in making. Take away his musket, if you please, but do not disarm him entirely. The question now is not to withdraw from him trust, but whether you can trust the man who asks you to give him the rule again over his rescued bondsman. There are two classes of people now in the seceding states. The higher and more intelligent are the unrepentant anti-republican in habit and sentiment, while the inferior and ignorant is even more abject and servile than the slave himself. He may be educated, however, into a just self-respect and a sense of his own interests. The governing class never can. To make them republican you must change their whole social system and their natures along with it. Until you do, and they are thoroughly regenerated, they will be unsafe depositaries of power in a government like ours. If you will not disfranchise the man who has already shown himself unworthy of trust, you must at least render him powerless for mischief by placing a sentinel over him, with the bloodless but potent weapon of the ballot to keep him in order. I do not insist that you shall disfranchise the rebel who professes to have repented, because without him you will have no white element in the case. I have no objection that you should register his pardon and even restore to him his lands, if you think that the interests of justice require no indemnity, and no examples. My object is not vengeance. I do not even call for blood, even with all his barbarities. Give them back everything else. But for the power which he has shown himself unworthy to hold, and which he has so justly forfeited, restore and that, I adjure and beseech you, by the recollection of the bloody trial which you have passed; by the respect you owe to the bereaved, the widowed, the orphaned, the yet living, the martyred and above all, by the memory of your martyred, starved, and mutilated dead. Insult them not by a false declaration to the earth has drank their blood in vain. Expose not yourselves to the bitter reproach, that before their bones have been gathered by pious hands from the fields where they have been left unburied, their very murderers have been hurried back into your embrace like returning conquerors. If this reunion is to be solemnized in a manner like these, wait at least until you have put off your mourning, and stripped your public places of the habiliments of woe. Bury your murdered President out of sight. Cover up the graves of Andersonville, with all their horrid secrets, and then celebrate these unholy nuptials—if you can. Let it not be said, at all events, to your discredit, that "the funeral-baked meats have coldly furnished forth the marriage table." Open no hall of Valhalla, where the returning braves of the South shall quaff their foaming ale, and pledge you from the grinning skulls of your own dead and forgotten heroes.

But there is another consideration that gives us the right, and makes it an imperative necessity to our protection, to insist that the negro shall be allowed to vote as the price of citizenship in the highest sense, and that is the fact that the conversion of the chattel into freeman will double the representation of those States, and bring into Congress some thirty votes on the basis of this peculiar population, while the loyal States must suffer from the increase. If they come, it must be in a representative capacity of course. But whose representatives will they be, if the whole class in those names they come, and for whom they profess to speak, is to have no voice in their election? To call them representatives of any other than the ruling class would be a gross abuse of language. The greatest of the many acts of emancipation is to inure to the master who has endeavored to break up your Government, while the black man still holds substantially the relation of a slave, and is only used to count for the benefit of his oppressors? And whom will they send to manage the affairs of the Union in the name of the slave? Will it be the man whom he would be himself willing to be considered as of his interests? Will it be those who will provide for the payment of the debt of the war, or the pensioners pledged to the families of the gallant soldiers whose very bones will be spurned aside with contumely by the rebel ploughman? What is our experience thus far? Among the first men sent here from Louisiana was a signer of the secession ordinance, and all three evaded the test oath. The first was the law, into the ranks of the party that opposed the war. The first offering from Arkansas to the other end of the Capitol was a rebel brigadier. But will the holders of our public debt—will the brave volunteers agree to this? No! Ask them then how, however, who sympathised with the rebellion throughout, and denounced the war as unconstitutional, although it as alike unlawful, and though professing to be Democrats, they will answer with one voice that this representation by proxy is right and proper, although the right of the emancipated negro to be a citizen, and hardly confess him to be a man. While he continued a slave there was nothing monstrous in the aggravation that the master should speak for him, if he was to be heard at all, because he could have no will of his own. It was at all events the bargain, and we stood by it. That slave is now, however, a freeman, and he has a will of his own, and the man who owned him no longer represents it, but the contrary. Looking to his present relations to the late slave, his assumption of the right to speak for him is nothing but outrage on the black man. It is not only to deny him a representative, but to give that office to his enemy. It is in effect to re-enslave him.

If the white man of the South is of the opinion that the negro is not fit to vote at home, he has no right to take part in the vote of one not worthy to be represented here, and in claiming that right, asks for himself a power in the Government that will make one unrepentant traitor the equal, in many instances, of two or three loyal northern men, and a strange injustice, too, while he preserves his consistency by rejecting the negro himself in the interior apportionment of some of his own States. But is it to be tolerated that he should exercise this power in the Federal Government? Will they consent to this inequality, now that the necessity in their own hands, he whose people to be rated in their condition of subjugation at their own estimate before putting their armor on, as having vindicated their claims to be considered the master race, and so outweigh twice or tarice their number of northern mudsills? Speaking for myself, I do not choose to have my delegated powers as the Representative of one hundred and thirty thousand northern freemen, neutralized by a representative of this sort, whether he come here by the *congé d'elire* of a military commander, or is puffed in this direction by the arrogant breath of the President's personal influence. If the white men of the South will insist that the negro shall have no political rights in the States, while he is to appear here to claim a recognition of our hands as the price of the support of the oligarchy in this Government, then I would insist that he shall appear here either in person, or by a guardian, or trustee at law, friend, and not by a guardian or trustee under the appointment of his quondam master, which would be the sublimest of farces. If they are not content with this, then I would say to them, wait until by a constitutional amendment we can offer you the fairer basis of suffrage, which will enable you to swell your numbers as soon as you shall be prepared to do justice to the black man.

It is insisted, however, and most especially by those who profit most by the laws of naturalization, and the principle of universal suffrage, of which they have therefore been the unvarying champions, that the negro is ignorant, and must be educated before he can be allowed to enjoy the privileges necessary for his own protection as a freedman—which is to say, in effect, that ignorance disqualifies for freedom, and ought to make a man a slave. It may be a question whether it were not well it think had been made a condition with all men. But why demand that of the indigenous black man who has been reared under our institutions, and has perhaps shouldered the musket in their defence, that you do not ask of the foreigner whose vote and sympathies have been against us? Is he inferior in these respects to the Celtic Irishman who holds the destinies of your great metropolis in his hands? His instincts at all events—supposing them to be his highest faculty—have taught him to take the side of liberty when the savage who burned him, was exerting himself in the interests of the governing classes of Europe from whose oppressions he had sought an asylum here, to that cause in which he had suffered as it as alike unlawful, and though professing to be Democrats, they will answer with one voice that this representation by proxy is right and proper, although the right of the emancipated negro to be a citizen, and hardly confess him to be a man. While he continued a slavethere was nothing monstrous in the aggravation that the master should speak forhim, if he was to be heard at all, because he could have no will of his own. It was at all events the bargain, and we stood by it. That slave is now, however, a freeman, and he has a will of his own, and the man who owned him no longer represents it, but the contrary. Looking to his present relations to the late slave, his assumption of the right to speak for him is nothing but outrage on the black man. It is not only to deny him a representative, but to give that office to his enemy. It is in effect to re-enslave him.

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TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

Arrival and Departure of Trains.

Pennsylvania Central Railroad.

Departs.	Arrives.
Day Express..... 2:30 a m	Mail..... 1:56 a m
Altoona Accom'n 7:10 a m	Fast Line..... 2:40 a m
Cincinnati Exp's 8:30 a m	1st Wall Accom'n 6:25 a m
Mail..... 11:40 a m	1st Penn Accom.. 7:55 a m
Phil'a Express... 2:55 p m	2d Wall Accom... 8:50 a m
Johnst'n Ac'n.. 4:15 p m	Johnst'n Accom.. 10:05 a m
Fast Line..... 10:00 p m	Pitt'g Erie Mail.. 12:35 p m
1st Wall Accom.. 6:30 a m	Baltimore Exp's 1:20 p m
2d " " 10:45 a m	2d Wall Accom... 1:50 p m
Mail " " 6:05 p m	Phila Express.. 2:05 p m
1st Penn Accom'n 10:30 p m	2d Penn Accom.. 6:25 p m
2d " " 3:00 p m	Altoona Accom.. 9:00 p m
	& Emigr'nt Train.. 01:50 p m

The cincinnati train leaves Wall Station every Sunday at 9:05 a m, returning, leaves Pittsburgh at 3:50 p. m.

Pittsburgh, Columbus and Cincinnati.

Departs.	Arrives.
Fast Line..... 2:50 a m	Fast Line..... :20 a m
Mail..... 8:00a m	Mail..... :05 p m
Express..... 1:30 p m	Express..... 12:35 a m
Steubville Ac-	Steubville Ac-
commodation .. p m	commodation.. 10:10 a m

Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago.

Departs.	Arrives.
Express..... a m	Express..... 9:05 a m
Express..... :55 p m	Express..... 9:13 p m
Express..... 2:55 p m	Express..... 3:25 p m
Mail..... 7:15 a m	Mail..... 6:35 p m
Steubville Accom. 4:15 p m	

New Brighton Accommodation leaves Allegheny depot at 9 a. m., 11:30 a. m., and 3:45 p. m.; Beaver, 6:30 a. m.; New Castle, 3:50 p. m.; Economy, 10:50 p. m.; Wellsville, 3:00 p. m.

Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Wheeling.

Departs.	Arrives.
Express..... 2:30 a m	Express..... 2:55 p m
Express..... 2:00 p m	Express..... 9:35 p m
Mail..... 2:30 p m	Express..... 6:10 a m
Steubenville Accommodation leaves Allegheny at 4:45p. m.	

Pittsburgh and Connellsville.

Departs.	Arrives.
Mail..... 7:15 a m	Mail..... 6:05 p m
Express..... 3:00 p m	Express..... 10:50 a m
1st McKeesport.. 11:00 a m	1st McKeesport.. 6:50 a m
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Allegheny Valley Railroad.

Departs.	Arrives.
Mail..... 6:45 a m	Express..... 11:00 a m
Express..... 3:10 p m	Mail..... 6:10 m
Accommodation. 1:30 p m	Accommodation 7:00 a m

Pittsburgh and Erie Railroad, to Oil City and Franklin.

Departs.	Departs.
No. 40 Express.. 7:40 p m	No. 2d Express.. 6:35 a m
Via. Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago, and	
Wall's.	

Brownsville Boat---Grant and Water Sts.

Arrives.	Departs.
m..... 4:00 p m	5:00 a m ..... 6:00 p m

Raymond Stage, St. Clair St.

Arrives.	Departs.
8½ p. m.	6:00 a m

Butler Stage---No. 3 St. Clair Street.

Arrives.	Departs.
6½ p. m.	6½ a. m.

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CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Temperance Meeting in the First U. P. Church.

Pursuant to public notice a temperance meeting was held last evening in the First United Presbyterian Church, on Seventh St. Dr. A. G. McCandless was appointed chairman, and R. C. Miller, Esq., secretary. The chairman called on Rev. W. J. Reid to open the meeting with prayer. Mr. A. N. McGonnigle, chairman of the committee of the Sabbath School Teachers' Union, by whom the meeting was organized, stated that the business of the meeting would have to assume a different aspect, on account of an obnoxious bill that had been introduced in the Legislature. Short of an absolute prohibitory law he would prefer the present law to any other that could be enacted. Any law must be practical. All we have to do is remonstrate against the bill now before the Legislature. He then read a paper for the consideration of the meeting. Omitting the preamble, it is as follows:

Resolved, That we proceed at once to form a permanent temperance organization to be known as the "Pittsburgh Temperance League," and that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to draft a constitution and by-laws. The object of this League shall be to operate against, and oppose by all honorable means the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, That in order to meet the liquor bill now before our Legislature, we proceed at once to circulate petitions protesting against its passage; and endeavor to procure all the signatures that we can in as short a time as possible; and that this League appoint a suitable person to present our petition to the Legislature, and also to call on him and bring every influence to bear in its favor.

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During the discussion, Dr. Wray stated that he had been told since he entered the Church that any bill would be better than the one now in operation. Ex-Mayor Lowry was the gentleman to whom he referred, and he would like to hear an explanation from him.

Ex-Mayor Lowry said he wished it to be understood that this was not the liquor men's bill. The liquor men had a bill which was lying in Harrisburg, and that was the fate of the one now before the Legislature. It was his conviction that any law would be better than the one now in force. Under the present license system, then, and not bill then, should they be altered or set aside. Therefore,

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The meeting of the Fenian Congress is at present the great topic of the day. The Delegates have been for several days arriving in our city, and at present about one half have arrived, and every train brings more. The Congress was to have organized yesterday, but the delays incident upon so important an occasion were not wanting upon this, and nothing more was effected yesterday than merely to organize. At twelve o'clock, M., the House was called to order by Col. Murphy, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two Committees were appointed---a Committee on Credentials, and a Committee on Seats for Members. The remainder of the day was spent by these Committees in the labors assigned them.

The meetings of the Congress are held at Masonic Hall, which has been appropriately fitted up for the occasion. The stage is handsomely draped with three United States flags, and two Irish battle flags, one of the latter of which was presented to the brotherhood a few days since by the ladies of Pittsburgh, and the other by the ladies of Cincinnati. Directly over the centre of the stage is the motto:

"Tears will restore not the men that we love.
Nor for sighs will their keepers exchange them:
Then swear, brothers, swear, by the great God above,
On the red battle field to avenge them."

On the left of this motto is one that reads "Liberty or Death," and on the right the motto: "Never give in, is the lesson we teach." On the right of the hall are the mottoes "Principles, not men," and "Virtue, Liberty and Independence." On the left are the mottoes "Deeds, not words," and "Let action be the motto of the hour." In the front of the hall---or probably it would more appropriately be called the rear of the hall, as four seats in front the name of the four provinces in gilt letters, shaded with blue on a white ground, Ulster, Munster, Leinster and Connaught. Thirty-two shields are hung around the room, each containing the name of a county. Thirty-two small green flags, alternating with thirty-six small American flags. The stage was filled with seats for the accommodation of the members of the Congress, and a number of seats in front were also reserved for the same purpose, and for ladies, of whom there were a number present.

A short time after the doors were opened, the Roberts Guard, the first Irish military organization of Pittsburgh, dressed in their green uniforms, marched to the stage in front and on the rear of the stage. Among the distinguished personages present were Senators Sullivan and Carey, Mr. Brennan, Captain Welsh, Colonel Murphy, and Senators Gibbons, of Philadelphia, and Fitzgerald, of Cincinnati, Mr. Delany, of Hartford, Colonel Coveny, Senator Brannon, and Mr. Jas. Donnelly, of Boston. The last named gentleman is well known to the literary world under the *nom de plume* of Darby McKeon, as a poet of considerable distinction.

The entire procession was under the Chief Marshalship of John A. Elder, of the Pittsburgh Circle. The Marshal for Pittsburgh was Arthur Gildernow, and for Allegheny Stephen Tuomey. Thomas Marshal for Birmingham. The names of the Marshals for Temperanceville and other precincts we were unable to learn.

As soon as the crowd in attendance had obtained seats, and order was restored, Senator Phila. Lane, a venerable old gentleman, was introduced. He regretted that it was unpleasant at all times to be required to apologize for a friend, but it was a painful duty required of him to apologize for the absence of Col. Roberts, who was too unwell to be present, having over exerted himself during the past three weeks. I take it for granted that you have come here to hear the truth. We have had too much of gilded blarney. You are now standing face to face with men who have a duty to perform, and as sure as God is in Heaven that duty will be done. [Loud applause]; do not clap now, but when you do clap, let it be to clap your hand upon a rifle, and bear it to the field. In Ireland we belong to the land of wool and linen and the shamrock and it is thought that nothing can succeed unless it is under the leadership of some of the nobility. The London *Times* is no more the enemy of Irishmen than those who have joined in sneers against their countrymen. The English Government is now keeping guard in London, because you are going to try to liberate Ireland. We are but a poor set of men, but it is to England and not to ourselves. Ireland asks you the question, will you let your blood run through the streets? You must look the question fairly in the face. You must swear to liberate your brothers or perish in the attempt.

Gen. Sweeny was then introduced. As he rose to his feet three cheers were given for him. He remarked that he was opposed to making speeches. We have been talking for years, and what have we accomplished? Talk is sometimes necessary to explain and arouse, but we have arrived at the time when we must drop the orator and take up the sword. We must fight or our names will go down to posterity as braggarts, empty braggarts. We must redeem our boasts by deeds. We have a heroic an task before us with the British Empire. We have had the struggle before, and have failed, but we will try it again, and if we fail, we will fall with dignity, and with the word in our hands. I refer to the struggle for which Washington fought and conquered, and for which Kosciusko, Robert Emmet and others, died. We will be a warning to our enemies not to despise their subterranean fires. From boyhood, the dream and passion of my life has been to liberate my country from the worse than Egyptian bondage by which it was enthralled, or to die in the attempt. We must succeed. If we fail now, the stain of eternal infamy will attach itself to us. With all the advantages which we possess, our chances of success are almost certain. Large purchases of arms and war material have been made, and are preparing for the contest in the only way in which it can be made successful. And I pledge you my word as a soldier, that the 3,000,000 unarmed men from the hill tops of old Ireland that banner (pointing to the Irish flag) will be waving over her soil. Will you do it? (Yes.) I have been for three weeks past talking incessantly to our countrymen, preparing them for the struggle which we are on the eve of, and I am very much fatigued. I thank you for the attention and manner in which you have listened to my remarks.

Mr. Hines being introduced, remarked that while in Ireland he was informed that he was not pleased at being intruded upon them, while there were so many speakers present. But, he continued, I will say a few words suggested by remarks that I have been made concerning our military leaders. There is no use to contradict the calumny to the effect that Gen. Sweeny has his eyes on Canada, or when the proposed work house was discussed, and the merits of the new bill alluded to and approved. He referred to an apparent contradiction, between the Senate bill and the passage of the bill and the recently expressed opinions of Judge Sterrett. His language on that occasion had been misinterpreted. In vindication he read a letter from Judge Sterrett, from the Court officials, approving the bill as the best that could be procured.

Mr. D. O'Neill read a note he had received from Judge Sterrett, which was to the same purport of that read by Mr. Graham. As we understand the Judge he is in favor of an amendment to the bill fixing a standard of qualification; raising the price of license, appointing a Board of Control, and appropriating a portion of the proceeds from license for the erection of a work house.

Geo. R. Riddle, Esq., spoke in favor of the bill, and opposed the resolutions, giving his reasons at some length. It was either fight or wrong to sell liquor---if right, then give all an equal chance; if wrong, prohibit it altogether. The present law was an utter failure. During the last term of the court one hundred and twenty-five bills had been found against persons for illegally selling liquor, only forty of whom had been punished, and most of them so lightly as not to be felt. The present bill would remedy this evil.

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The question on the passage of the resolutions was called for, and after them passage, without amendment, the meeting adjourned.

A Matter of Interest to All.

Those whose business calls them to the river must have noticed for years back a practice which exists of mafling coal boats fast to the piers of the Monongahela bridge, in the middle of the stream. A large number of barges are also tied up under the bridge, so that a person can easily walk at any time from the shore to the pier. We have often looked at this arrangement, and wondered if a more suitable place could not be found for this class of boats, one that would be less dangerous to themselves, and to the steamboats below. They are liable at any time to break loose, and it would be impossible for them to go afloat without doing more or less damage. It is a matter that we think the coal boat owners themselves, as well as steamboatmen, and merchants who are shipping on steamboats, and also insurance companies are interested in largely. We now have a case before our courts arising out of an accident which occurred some time last spring by a coal boat breaking loose, or being cut loose from the pier, which floated down among the tow-boats, and sunk four loaded barges, besides doing other damage. The amount of damage claimed in this case is in the neighborhood of twenty thousand dollars, and it is providential that the loss was not much greater. This matter should be looked to at once, as all those are the greatest interests at stake are the ones to move first in the matter. We do not know but that the insurance companies are as largely interested in any one, and they should see to it before the spring freshets come on.

Washington's Birthday.---Next Thursday will be the anniversary of Washington's birthday, which has been declared to be a National holiday. All the banks will be closed on that day, so that notes falling due on Thursday will have to be paid on Wednesday. Many have expressed a desire to be secured to be closed on Thursday in order to afford clerks an opportunity of celebrating the birth-day of the father of his country. It should be celebrated with greater enthusiasm this, than it has been in any previous year.

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	Par.	Bid.	Ask'd	Last Sales.
U. S. SECURITIES				
U. S. 6-20's, 1881.....	——	107	107½	107
U. S. 5-20's.....	——	102 75	103 25	103 25
U. S. Compounds.....	——	99 50	99 75	1000 00
U. S. 10-40's.....	——	94 00	94 25	94 00
U. S. Certificates.....	——	98 25	98 50	98 50
RAILROAD.				
P. F. W. & C. R. R.....	100 00	89 00	95 00	89 00 91 50
Cleveland & Pitts'.....	50 00	78 00	79 00	79 00
Allegheny Valley.....	50 00	——	19 00	8 25
Allegheny & Manch	50 00	——	——	——
Erie & Pittsburgh.....	——	——	——	——
Connellsville.....	50 00	9 50	9 75	9 50 9 75
Citizens'.....	——	——	——	——
Penn. & Steubenv'le	50 00	5 50	6 00	5 50 5 00
Pennsylvania.....	50 00	54 50	54 75	54 75
BANKS.				
Bank Pittsburgh.....	50 00	60 00	62 00	60 50 61 00
First National.....	100 00	150 00	——	150 00
Second National.....	100 00	126 00	128 00	126 00
Third National.....	100 00	124 50	——	125 00
Fourth National.....	100 00	——	113 00	112 00
M. & M. National.....	50 00	60 00	61 00	61 00
Exchange National	50 00	65 00	66 00	66 00
Iron City National.....	50 00	——	——	——
Iron City National	50 00	79 00	80 00	79 50
Peoples' National.....	50 00	90 00	91 00	90 75
Allegheny National	50 00	56 50	57 00	57 00
Nat. Bk. Commerce	100 00	108 00	110 00	108 00
Tradesmans' Nat.....	100 00	108 00	108 50	108 00
Farmers' Deposit.....	100 00	——	150 00	——
German National.....	100 00	——	140 00	140 00
Third National.....	100 00	120 00	150 00	120 00
First (Alleg.) Nat..	100 00	125 00	——	124 50
Second (Alleg.) Nat.	100 00	——	——	——
First Birm'g Nat.....	100 00	——	——	——
Manch. Savings'.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	——
INSURANCE.				
Allegheny.....	25 00	——	30 00	28 00
Bonding.....	50 00	——	63 00	——
Cash.....	50 00	——	——	——
Citizens'.....	50 00	——	——	——
Eureka.....	50 00	——	——	——
Man. & Merchants..	25 00	——	——	——
Monongahela.....	27 00	——	42 00	40 00
Pennsylvania.....	50 00	45 00	48 00	50 00
Pittsburgh.....	50 00	61 00	——	——
People's'.....	25 00	——	40 00	——
Western.....	44 00	——	——	——
German.....	100 00	——	——	——
BRIDGE.				
Birmingham.....	25 00	——	——	——
Hand Bridge.....	25 00	——	——	——
Monongahela.....	25 00	28 75	30 00	28 75
St. Clair Street	25 00	——	——	——
GAS.				
Allegheny.....	25 00	——	——	——
Birmingham.....	25 00	30 00	——	30 00
Pittsburgh.....	50 00	——	——	50 00
OIL.				
Columbia.....	50 00	24 25	24 50	24 75
Dalzell.....	10 00	1 50	2 00	1 75 2 00
E. H. & Pitcole.....	1 00	——	——	——
Fleming & Blood.....	4 00	——	80	—— 80
Phila. Manf. & C. R.	1 00	——	40	75 50
United Fabric.....	1 00	——	50	75 50
Tack.....	5 00	——	10	50 20

MONDAY, Feb. 19, 1866.

Gold opened this morning at a further decline. Foreign exchange has ruled lower during the past week, than at any time since 1861. A large proportion of the late importations having been placed in bond, there is less demand for gold to pay custom duties, while the large balance in the United States Treasury enables the Government to assist the downward movement from time to time. Repeated reports of large treasury sales, and the immediate passage of the funding bill together with the extraordinary fall in exchange have contributed to bring gold down to these quotations. The policy of the Government would seem to be to prevent any further decline in gold, since no authority will be given to increase the indebtedness of the country by issuing any bonds below par; and, with a further fall in gold, and the present rate for Five Twenties abroad, they would be at once sent home, and so depress the market here as to render impossible the funding of the currency in long bonds at par.

Gold-bearing bonds lost to-day part of the rise made during the week, and should gold continue to fall they will probably sympathize to some extent. Seven Thirties are firm and scarce at the following quotations: August, (1st series) 99¾; June, 99¾; July, 99⅝@ 99¾. Compound interest notes are constantly improving---we quote June, 1864, 7¾, premium, July, 7; August, 6¾; October, 7¼; December, 4¾; May, 1865, 2½; August, September and October, 1865, 1¾ as the current buying rates in this market.

Our local stock market exhibits but little activity, and that, mainly toward bank shares. Private telegrams from New York report a strong stock market. The oil board has been unusually active for some days, and the aggregate of sales very large. Our stock brokers are also doing more in some favorite New York stocks than any dearer home.

Gold mining stocks are coming largely into notice again. Some new improvements in Quartz Mining bid fair to work a revolution, and greatly enhance the value of investments in Colorado and Idaho. A correspondent writes us, "the new Lyons disentegrating process has just been tested on a large scale in Denver City, and proved a triumphant success. The yield of quartz gold is now increased from 20 to 80 per cent."

Mining has hitherto been to a great extent carried on by brute force, the application of the lowest powers of nature. Thoroughly scientific mining, the application of mechanics as now understood, will some day not far distant wonderfully cheapen the cost of getting out the precious metals, and largely increase the product over the present annual returns.

---January 31, 1866, the undoubted profits of the banks of the city of New York, amounted to $4,938,810. This is about eighteen (18) per cent of their capital. No wonder that the Treasury Department is very desirous of placing this large amount of money in a taxable position. In magnitude it nearly equals the item of circulation returned by these banks, this being at the time above mentioned only $21,577,730.

---The two oldest and perhaps most famous farms in the Venango oil regions, Tarr and Egbert, are now producing a total of about 1000 barrels per day. The former is estimated at 1000, the latter at 800. Tarr Farm once rejoiced in a 3000 barrel---the "Phillips & Egb